

# Brave Women FLX

## Elizabeth Blackwell Statue



**The Elizabeth Blackwell Statue** - The first woman in America to receive a medical degree, Elizabeth Blackwell championed the participation of women in the medical profession and ultimately opened her own medical college for women. Born in England in 1821, Blackwell was born to a family of nine children. Her father was an anti-slavery activist, and her brother was a well know abolitionist and women's suffrage supporter. One of Blackwell's sisters followed her into medicine and another was the first ordained female minister in a mainstream Protestant denomination.

In 1832, the Blackwell family moved to America and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. After her father's death, Elizabeth, her sisters, and her mother, worked as teachers to support the family. Blackwell was inspired to pursue medicine by a dying friend who said that her ordeal would have been better had she had a female physician. Most male physicians trained as apprentices to experienced doctors; there were few medical colleges and none that accepted women.

While teaching, Blackwell boarded with two southern physicians who mentored her. In 1847, she returned to Philadelphia, hoping to receive entrance into medical school. She was rejected everywhere she applied, until she received an acceptance letter from Geneva College in Rural New York. (Her acceptance letter was intended as a practical joke) She faced discrimination at every turn. Her professors made her sit separately at lectures and excluded her from labs. Local townspeople shunned her as "bad" for defying her gender role.

Blackwell eventually earned the respect of her professors and classmates, graduating first in her class in 1849. She continued her training in Paris and London, and began to emphasize preventative care and personal hygiene, recognizing that male doctors often caused epidemics by failing to wash hands between patients.

In 1851, Dr. Blackwell returned to New York City, where she continued to face gender discrimination. With help from Quaker friends, she opened a small clinic to treat poor women. In 1857, she opened the New York Infirmary for Women and Children with her sister Dr. Emily Blackwell and colleague Dr. Marie Zakrzewska. Its mission included offering positions to women physicians, and during the Civil War, the Blackwell sisters trained nurses for Union hospitals.





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**Don't forget to check out these women-owned businesses near by!**

**Local Palate** - Food and farm advocates Megan and Mo Kasperek, along with their daughter Avery, bring you this neighborhood market, which focuses on a variety of locally sourced goods. They feature an array of artisan cheese and charcuterie, dairy, meat and produce from purveyors in the region, along with a solid fleet of locally loved craft beers and sodas. Come experience the local, wholesome flavor of Local Palate. Open Monday-Friday 9a-6p and Saturday 9am-4pm.



**Earthly Possessions Boutique** - owner Yvette, as a young girl, loved visiting her grandparents and going to the local boutiques and shopping. She always said that she would work at a little shop like that someday. She did one better, and opened her own in Geneva in 1998. Her goal was to accessorize lovely ladies, empower young girls and just bring a little sunshine into people's lives. Her biggest hope is that when people walk into her door, they feel a little happier, smile a little bigger, and just leave a little sparkle wherever they go!



**Stomping Grounds** - A one of a kind retail shop, Stomping Grounds is the creation of Bethany and James Haswell. The couple offers reproduction of antique photos and maps as a link to our "past" and "place." They also offer new and used books, carefully chosen gift items, home accessories, and wall art including prints and photos, original and reproduction antique maps from all over the world and custom framing. Due to Covid, appointments are required to shop. Please call 315-789-1000 to schedule.

**Billsboro Winery** - Owners Kim and Vinny Aliperti, offers their tasting room in a century old barn, on an idyllic 60 acres overlooking the northern end of Seneca Lake. Surrounded by walnut trees and terraced fields, the property is a tranquil place...but don't let their laid back demeanor fool you, they are making serious wine. Their dynamic approach has earned praise both locally and nationally. Currently the largest group you can book for a tasting is 4 people. Call to make your reservation 315-789-9538.



**Kindred Fare** - A Finger Lakes dining experience inspired by farmhouse cooking and spirited gatherings with family and friends. Owner Susie Atvell believes that a shared meal experience encourages us to slow down and savor each moment. Designed with warmth in every detail, they invite you to come as you are, and simply relax. This lively and social eatery celebrates the culinary craft with a central bar, open kitchen and chef's counter. The menu changes at the whim of each season and with their desire to create new things. They use locally sourced ingredients and suppliers they know and trust. Hours: Dinner Mon-Sun 5p-9p (closed Sundays through 2/7/21)



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